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- 4.1 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter of Existing Litigation – City of Temple City, et al vs. GSC Holding Group, LLC, et al. LASC Case No. 19STCP00254.

Receive and File. General update, no final action

- 4.2 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Matter.

Receive and File. General update, no final action

- 4.3 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Existing Litigation – Companion Workers Compensation Case Nos. VNO380683 (EMCM-01102) and VNO0339120 (EMCL-00985).

General update, no final action

- 4.4 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter of Existing Litigation – Jennifer Lilley vs. City of El Monte, LASC Case No. 18PSCV00125.

General update, no final action

- 4.5 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Anticipated Litigation – One (1) Matter.

Receive and File. General update, no final action

- 4.6 Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiator – All Represented Employees

Bargaining Units Subject to Negotiations:
El Monte SEIU Local 721; El Monte Police Mid-Managers Association; El Monte Police Officers Association; and El Monte General Mid-Managers Association.

City’s Designated Negotiators:
Alex Hamilton, City Manager; and Alma Martinez, Assistant City Manager; and Angela McCray, HR/Risk Management Director.

Tabled to the next City Council meeting

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco **5-0**

OPEN SESSION PROCEEDINGS

(Commencing at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the City Council reconvene from Closed Session/Short Recess)

5. INVOCATION: Chaplain Joseph Chen, I-Kau-Tao Church. **Absent. Invocation lead by Mayor Quintero.**
6. FLAG SALUTE: Yazmine Franco, 5th Grader from Frank Wright School. Enjoys Cheerleading. **Absent. Pledge led by Mayor Pro Tem Velasco.**

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7. RECOGNITIONS, HONORS AND COMMUNITY INTEREST PRESENTATIONS:

7.1 Presentation by the City Council to Yazmine Franco from Frank Wright School for Leading the Pledge of Allegiance. **Absent**

8. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING NON-AGENDIZED MATTERS:

This time has been set aside for persons in the audience to make comments or inquiries on matters within the general subject matter jurisdiction of the City Council, the Housing Authority, the Financing Authority and/or the Water Authority (collectively, the "Council") that **are not listed on this agenda**. Although no person is required to provide their name and address as a condition to attending a Council meeting, persons who wish to address the Council are asked to state their name and address. Each speaker will be limited to three (3) continuous minutes. Speakers may not lend any portion of their speaking time to other persons or borrow additional time from other persons.

Except as otherwise provided under the Brown Act (Gov. Code Section 54950 et seq.), the Council may not deliberate or take action upon any matter not listed on this posted agenda but may order that any such matter be placed on the agenda for a subsequent meeting. The Council may also direct staff to investigate certain matters for consideration at a future meeting.

All comments or queries presented by a speaker shall be addressed to the Council as a body and not to any specific member thereof. No questions shall be posed to any member of the Council except through the presiding official of the meeting, the Mayor and/or Chair. Members of the Council are under no obligation to respond to questions posed by speakers but may provide brief clarifying responses to any comment made or questions posed. The Council may not engage in any sort of prolonged discussion or deliberation with any speaker or group of speakers on matters that are not listed on this agenda.

Enforcement of Decorum: The Chief of Police, or such member, or members of the Police Department as the Chief of Police may designate, shall serve as the Sergeant-at-Arms of any Council meeting. The Sergeant-at-Arms shall carry out all orders and instructions given by the presiding official for the purpose of maintaining order and decorum at the meeting. While members of the public are free to level criticism of City policies and the action(s) or proposed action(s) of the Council or its members, members of the public may not engage in behavior that is disruptive to the orderly conduct of the proceedings, including, but not limited to, conduct that prevents other members of the public from being heard when it is their opportunity to speak or which prevents members of the audience from hearing or seeing the proceedings. Members of the public may not threaten any person with physical harm or act in a manner that may reasonably be interpreted as an imminent threat of physical harm. All persons attending the meeting must adhere to the City's policy barring harassment based upon a person's race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical handicap, medical condition, marital status, gender, sexual orientation or age.

David Diaz – I am here on behalf of Active San Gabriel Valley. I am the new Executive Director. We are having an everyday is earth day here in El Monte on April 11th from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Grace T. Black Auditorium. So we would like to cordially invite Council and audience to attend and celebrate where we are going to introduce our new advisory board members. We are going to have a new logo that will match our new mission and we are also going to be featuring local plant base restaurant Plant Love Food from El Monte.

9. CITY TREASURER'S REPORT: **None**

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10. DEMAND RESOLUTION NO. D-594
 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, ALLOWING CERTAIN CLAIMS AND DEMANDS AND SPECIFYING THE FUNDS OUT OF WHICH THE SAME ARE TO BE PAID.
 THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. That the attached list of claims, demands, and payroll totaling \$5,813,179.13 have been examined by the City Treasurer and that warrant numbers 1080765 through 1081283 and the payroll ending date February 15, 2019 inclusive are hereby allowed in the amounts and ordered paid out of the respective funds as set forth.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco **5-0**

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **None**

12. CONSENT CALENDAR:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine in nature and may be enacted by one motion approving the recommendation listed on the Agenda. One or more items may be removed from the Consent Calendar so that they may be discussed, considered and voted upon individually by the Council. A matter may be removed from the Consent Calendar and taken up separately by way of a seconded motion of any member of the Council with the approval of a majority of the Council quorum.

- 12.1 Requests to Serve Alcohol at the Grace T. Black Auditorium.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council consider and approve the requests listed below to serve/sell wine and "spirits" liquor at the Grace T. Black Auditorium.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Community Partners FBO Active SGV	Fundraiser (Attendance 100)	Thursday, April 11, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
<u>Private User</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lilian De Loza Gutierrez	Quinceañera (Attendance 250)	Saturday, July 6, 2019 6:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Total Cost: N/A Account No: N/A
 Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco **5-0**

13. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- 13.1 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution Approving (I) Medicinal Cannabis Conditional Use Permits Nos. 10-18, 11-18, 12-18, a Notice of Exemption; and (II) the Introduction and First Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving Development Agreement No. 05-18 with Greenpro Enterprise for the Operation of Medicinal Only Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution at 4377 Baldwin Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;

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5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Approve, by motion, (i) a Resolution (Attachment 1) approving Medicinal Cannabis Conditional Use Permits Nos. 10-18, 11-18, 12-18, a Notice of Exemption; and (ii) the introduction and first reading of an Uncodified Ordinance (Attachment 2) approving Development Agreement No. 05-18 with GreenPro Enterprise for the operation of medicinal only cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution at 4377 Baldwin Avenue by no less than three (3) affirmative votes.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9953

Ordinance No. 2945

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

Open the P.H.

5-0

Break at 6:53 pm

Return at 7:05 pm

Charles Hoffman – In favor of the project.

Frank Angel – Consistent with our written submission we respectfully request the City Council to deny the project and as an alternative if you do not want to outright deny the permits and development agreements I think the appropriate chance that you would have even from your interest in you would like to proceed with this project is to proceed with circulating a Mitigated Negative Declaration at a very minimum which also doesn't get you very far because you have prepared an Initial Study. So what you really should do is an Environmental Impact Report at long last given the cumulatively significant impacts of the past approved projects and the foreseeable projects under your ordinance. For you to not disclose the environmental impacts to your community is irresponsible and indefensible. For the consultant to come here an issue an exemption which means that project does not have any impacts on the environment how do you think this will pass in a court of law.

Lou Villalvazo – Principal Officer with Teamsters Local 630 in Los Angeles. We represent over 7,000 members throughout Southern California as well representing 23 other locals throughout Southern California for a total of 170,000 working families here in Southern California. One of the things that the Teamsters do is we represent workers. We go out and fight for their contracts for good living wages and good working conditions. One of the things we have in front of the City Council is basically what was approved by Prop 64. Everyone has already voiced their opinions at the polls and approved this. This is an industry that is heavily regulated. We represent over 100 companies from the dairy to the liquor industry. The revenue from this industry goes to your schools, to the Police Department, it generates more. I hope that you do approve it.

Cliff Chih – I am not against marijuana in medicinal use but the question is Federal government remains against marijuana is still illegal and consider it as a drug. Even though a few States approve marijuana the majority of the citizens in the nation are still concern on the negative impacts of marijuana particularly among youth. That will put our society into turmoil and chaos. We are living in a free nation so for the marijuana growers please do not hog this society. We do not need any more marijuana facilities we have enough.

Carrie Chen – I oppose the City Council's decision to approve the commercial cultivation, manufacturing and distribution for 4377 Baldwin and 4411 Rowland Avenue. Both of these facilities are within walking distance from the other two marijuana project facilities. My reason for this opposition is because El Monte Planning Commission fails to conduct and EIR Report. I strongly oppose these two projects.

Zhi Jiang – I am here again to oppose the two marijuana projects in El Monte. As we know now only one of you will not approve the projects and the four of you will approve these projects again tonight. You guys don't listen to the citizens of El Monte and continue to approve more and more marijuana facilities. We cannot stop you from approving these projects but we can use our rights to do something at least to do a recall.

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Sharon Liao – I have stand here three times to say that I am against marijuana factories. My concern are still against water, fire and the stinky smell. The second issue is the use of cannabis and not marijuana because it confuses people. Marijuana is still the number one drug in the Federal Government. Please stop this project if you really love our community. I have heard many people who do not want this project in El Monte.

Lui Ma – El Monte is our home and it is great because of you. I support these projects because it is legal, it is highly regulated, it is for medical use, and FDA has issued a statement that marijuana is no longer an illegal substance.

Roman – In favor of the project. You are being proactive assuring that this is a safe project.

Ron Williams – Here we are again. We spoke last time before that marijuana is a poison and that it is not legal. If you are with us you will against this.

Frank Afoa – Thank you Councilmembers for giving us this opportunity. I am here in support of GreenPro and what it represents. The City will have a positive economic impact.

Qiang Bjohnback – I am here to share with you an idea that will generate revenue for the City. I am well connected and have a lot of Chinese investors who are willing to bring in business to El Monte. About the two projects I am not against them making revenue but I would like them to be as far away as possible from the residential are and the school district area. You have already approved three projects and now you are going to approve two more. My concern is their concentration in a specific area especially because it is so close to the neighborhood and the neighboring cities.

Feng Lan Liu – I have some documents that I would like to submit for the record please. I am a licensed attorney and I live about 500 feet from Project No. 4. The CEQA exemptions being used by the City for these two projects do not apply. Please use CEQA requirements and submit an EIR Report for these two projects. I oppose these two projects.

Oscar Ruiz – We are here in support of GreenPro Enterprises. Obviously my partners from the Teamsters Union already expressed some of our thoughts already. I attended an event held by the opposition in this room and it was interesting to see the experts that they brought in. They had a lady and a man and they sat in a similar setup like this and they called themselves doctors. It was pretty sad because they are just out there confusing individuals. This is a very regulated industry and it will not be close to children as it is being stated. I thank you to

**Break at 8:03 pm
Return at 8:18 pm**

Kewei Zhao – I urge the Councilmembers to vote at least more than one member to vote no. Commercial, cultivation, and manufacturing marijuana is being disguised as medicinal marijuana. The City does not have enough resources for these projects. Also these projects can cause harm to the public and teenagers in particular. The projects being approved today are less than 800 feet to restaurants and wholesale markets. I urge members to vote no.

Diane Cheung – I am happy to be here to say my message. Today I ask you if you are doing something that you believe. Are you setting an example?

Mike Gomez – I am an over 30 year resident in the City of El Monte and I am for this project. I am for medicinal cannabis. In the United States the use of medicinal cannabis is legal in 33 States that is half the Country.

**m) Mayor Quintero
Mayor Pro Tem Velasco
Close P.H.
5-0**

**m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco
Approve Resolution 9953
and Ordinance 2945
4-1 (Councilmember Ancona no)**

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- 13.2 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve a Resolution Approving (I) Medicinal Cannabis Conditional Use Permits Nos. 01-19, 02-19, 03-19, a Notice of Exemption; and (II) the Introduction and First Reading of an Uncodified Ordinance Approving Development Agreement No. 01-19 with Flourish Plant Science for the Operation of Medicinal Only Cannabis Cultivation, Manufacturing, and Distribution at 4411 Rowland Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Approve, by motion, (i) a Resolution (Attachment 1) approving Medicinal Cannabis Conditional Use Permits Nos. 01-19, 02-19, 03-19, a Notice of Exemption; and (ii) the introduction and first reading of an Uncodified Ordinance (Attachment 2) approving Development Agreement No. 01-19 with Flourish Plant Science for the operation of medicinal only cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, and distribution at 4411 Rowland Avenue by no less than three (3) affirmative votes.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9954

Ordinance No. 2946

Zhi Jiang – You guys are going to approve. Go ahead and approve and we are going to make a recall. Thank you.

Sharon Liao – We have lot of El Monte Resident showing up tonight to be against the marijuana factories. Please do not grow marijuana that is not FDA approved. The number of jobs being provided by this project is 35.

Ron Williams – Oppose to the project. We are saying no to this. The community is saying no.

Mike Gomez – It is really exciting to say that I support this ordinance and to encourage you to vote yes on this.

Diane Cheung – I have worked in this City as a substitute teacher for a few years and I know. People here don't know what is going on. I am calling you to vote no.

Frank Angel – I didn't get to mention a few items on the controlled substance for the previous item.

Sam Meng –Greater SGV Safe Community Foundation works in a peaceful manner. I am from Rowland Heights but I am here because I care about the San Gabriel Valley. I want everyone to know the effects of marijuana. The regular use of weed causes psychosis. This alone should help you vote no on this. The money made from these projects will be used for damage control.

Ken Meng – I live in Rowland Heights and I know that these companies will not sell locally but I am just thinking that whatever we say doesn't work.

Alan Zhong – You represent all El Monte but not me.

Joe Meng – I am not as qualified as all the other speakers. We know that something horrible can happen with these projects.

Stella Guo – Against the project.

Sandra Burdette – Here on behalf of New Hope Community Church who have been in the community for over 75 years. I spoke to several members of the church and they are all against it. The church is against and I am against.

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Charles Hoffman – We are supposed to be talking about medical cannabis tonight but we seem to be talking about other things. The City has put out information for a long time. I am a resident of El Monte and I am a resident for this project.

Lou Ma – I am a resident for El Monte and I am for this project.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco
Open the P.H.
5-0

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Ancona
Close P.H.
5-0

Break at 9:01 pm
Return at 9:20 pm

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Ancona
Approve Resolution 9954
and Ordinance 2946
4-1 (Councilmember Ancona no)

- 13.3 A Public Hearing to Consider and Approve an Interim Urgency Ordinance of the City Council of the City of El Monte, California, Pursuant to Government Code Section 65858, Establishing a Temporary 45-Day Moratorium on the Establishment of Tobacco or Electronic Cigarette Retailing Businesses, Smoke Shops, Hookah Lounges, and Vape Lounges.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Approve by motion the attached Interim Urgency Ordinance by no less than four-fifths (4/5) vote.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Urgency Ordinance No. 2947

Primo Castro – We strongly support this let's go ahead and pass it. This is the right direction that the City is taking.

Amanda Staples – We strongly support this item and we ask that you reach out to us. We have done so much research on this. Look forward to partnering with the City.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Open the P.H.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Close P.H.

m) Mayor Quintero
s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Approve Urgency Ordinance 2947
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- 13.4 A Public Hearing to Consider an Appeal of Planning Commission Resolution No. 3526 Approving Revision to Conditional Use Permit No. 09-08 to Continue a Transportation Service with Ancillary Mechanical Work in the Mixed/Multiuse Zone Located at 2140 Durfee Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Open the public hearing;
2. Receive presentation from staff;
3. Pose questions to staff;
4. Allow members of the public to offer comment;
5. Pose follow up questions to staff;
6. Close the public hearing;
7. Adopt, by no less than three (3) affirmative votes, (a) a Resolution (Attachment 1) to allow the transportation service business indefinitely, (b) a Resolution (Attachment 2) to uphold the Planning Commission decision and allow the business to occupy the site for an additional three (3) years, or (c) a Resolution (Attachment 3) to deny the occupancy of the business.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9955

m) Mayor Quintero

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Open the P.H.**

m) Mayor Quintero

**s) Councilmember Martinez Muela
Close P.H.**

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Councilmember Martinez Muela

Resolution 9955

To Allow Service Business Indefinitely

4-1 (Councilmember Martinez Muela No)

14. REGULAR AGENDA:

- 14.1 Consideration and Approval of Request to Adopt Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for the General Fund and Other Funds for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and Adopt a Resolution Amending the City of El Monte's Operating and Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 by Increasing Appropriations in the General Fund by \$4.8 Million; Special Revenue Funds by \$3.6 Million; Sewer Fund by \$125,000 and the Self-Insurance Fund by \$620,000.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9956

John Batres – I am proud to say that I have lived in El Monte almost my entire life and I worked for the City of El Monte the Police Department for 15 years. I am here tonight because I am concerned about our City. I was always proud to say that I worked for the City of El Monte our employees always had great compassion and love for this City. We worked many weekends without compensation to eliminate eyesores, to build street medians and complete projects to beautify El Monte. We had many events that included City Council, Parks and Recreation, Police, Public Works, School Districts and community members to make El Monte a better place to live. Our former Mayor called it Operation Sparkle what has happened. We now have department heads that have nothing to do with El Monte most of them if not all don't even know where

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our schools and parks are located. People are being hired at the top end without any process whatsoever, how is this condoned? Are the newly elected officials aware of this? We have thirty year old employees who are not even allowed to apply for these positions why does the City Council allow this. Your City Manager, Assistant City Manager and Chief of Police and others just received huge pay increases. After the City Council has given these positions huge pay increases in their salaries then ask each department to look at themselves and cut 30 percent of their budget where is the leadership? As I am looking at the graph here it shows that only five percent of the budget is allotted to Parks and Recreation. Public Works is cut to the bones basically one large skeleton crew. If residents want to know why their City looks the way it does look no further. Look at our streets look at the blight and graffiti. Parks and Recreation has closed 4 parks because they don't have anyone to open the doors. Our Police Department has 40 less officers than it had in previous years

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela Absent)

- 14.2 Consideration and Approval of a Resolution Updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation and Repealing Resolution No. 9941 Approved January 22, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Consider and approve the attached Resolution updating the Citywide Classification and Compensation Plan, effective immediately.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

Resolution No. 9957

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

**3-1 (Councilmember Ancona No
Councilmember Martinez Muela Absent)**

- 14.3 Consideration and Approval of Request to Authorize the City Manager to Make all Conforming Edits, Finalize, and Execute in Final Form the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (the "ENA") by and Between the City of El Monte and UTH Holdings I, LLC for the Sale and Purchase of the Properties Owned by the Successor Agency to the Former El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency ("Successor Agency") for the Development of "Area Y".

RECOMMENDATION OF BUSINESS ITEM UNDER CONSIDERATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Approve the terms and authorize the execution of an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement ("ENA") by and between the City of El Monte and UTH Holdings I, LLC for the acquisition and development of properties owned by the Successor Agency to the former El Monte Community Redevelopment Agency.

Total Cost: N/A

Account No: N/A

Is the cost of this item budgeted? N/A

m) Mayor Quintero

s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

4-0 (Councilmember Martinez Muela Absent)

15. CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA: **None**

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16. CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA:

16.1 Study Session to Discuss the Activities Proposed for 2019-2020 Action Plan Utilizing Grant Funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**m) Mayor Quintero
s) Mayor Pro Tem Velasco
Receive and File the Report**

**3-0 (Councilmembers Ancona and
Martinez Muela absent**

16.2 Police Department Update.

17. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:

18. COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

18A. Mayor Quintero

18A.1 Discussion Regarding the Month of March to be Proclaimed as Red Cross American Month.

If there is no objection we will have a resolution drafted proclaiming March as Red Cross American Month.

18A.2 Discussion of Grant Application with UC Irvine.

We received information from a Senator who works at UC Irvine, Senator Joe Dunn and apparently they are putting in for a grant regarding cannabis clinics I don't believe there is any financial obligation for us if we are interested but if there is no objection I would like to direct the City Manager to make an inquiry and see if it is something that we can get involved in if it is consistent with our policies and something that will not cost us.

18B. Mayor Pro Tem Velasco

We are having an annual blood drive on Thursday, April 11th from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm.

18C. Councilwoman Ancona

Thank you all for still being here and also to all those who take the time to come out to these meetings and share their concerns we appreciate it.

18D. Councilwoman Martinez Muela

18E. Councilwoman Morales

I want to say thank you to staff for still being here at 12:30 am. On a serious note we are having some difficult conversations and I am grateful and happy that staff is here we are on the same team together we care for this community just as much as you care for this community so I am grateful that you are here when we are having these difficult conversations and you know that in our heart we have the best intentions. I think together we can go through this hump.

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- 19. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn in memory of all the innocents that were killed in New Zealand.**

With no objection Mayor Quintero adjourned the City Council meeting at 12:39 am.

The next Regular Meeting of the City Council will be held on **April 2, 2019** at 6:00 p.m. This Agenda will be posted on the City's website, www.ci.el-monte.ca.us, and physically posted no less than 72 hours prior to the start of the subject regular meeting. Although it is the City's practice and desire to electronically post a copy of this Agenda along with supporting material as part of its website posting, the size or formatting of certain supporting materials may render their website posting infeasible. Nevertheless, all supporting materials related to any item on this Agenda, that is made available to the members of the council may be inspected by members of the public at the City Clerk's Office located at 11333 Valley Boulevard, El Monte, Monday through Thursday, 7:00 am – 5:30 pm. For more information, please call the City Clerk's Office at 626-580-2016.

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Catherine A. Eredia, City Clerk
City of El Monte

APPROVED:

Andre Quintero, Mayor
City of El Monte